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5.

MB has been interested in getting Ziana because reception of Harare Domestic is variable and the radio cites Ziana items that are only summarized by the radio. Jim looked into the issue last year and found that indeed Ziana items were longer but that most of the important material was covered either by the radio or by SAPA pickups. So we dropped it. It was then found on sat. by bk. We asked them to send a day's worth. Here is the evaluation. Bottom line is that it is a weak justification for a dish, although the mozambique press agency is also on satellite. Luanda basically is the only target of sufficient importance to swing the decision for a dish (in my view) and since we got ANGOP back via TASS it is less vital.

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CRUISING -- ANALYSIS OF BK ZIANA FILE

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TEXT:

1. A REVIEW OF THE 1-DAY SAMPLE OF HARARE ZIANA POUCHED BY BANGKOK BASICALLY CONFIRMS THE FINDINGS OF THE 4 MARCH 1987 SURVEY. OUR INFORMATION THAT ZIANA WAS A LANDLINE SERVICE ONLY AVAILABLE IN ZIMBABWE OBVIOUSLY IS NO LONGER TRUE, AND THE EXISTENCE OF A FRENCH CAST IS ALSO NEW. BUT THE CONCLUSIONS ON CONTENT ARE THE SAME AS IN THE EARLIER SURVEY.

2. THE ENGLISH CAST RAN FROM 0800 - 1400 GMT AND CARRIED 15 ITEMS, 7 OF WHICH WERE ACTUALLY PANA ITEMS REPORTING ON EVENTS NOT CONCERNING ZIMBABWE. FOUR OF THE ITEMS WERE WORTH DOING AND ALL HAD BEEN COVERED EITHER BY HARARE DOMESTIC SERVICE OR BY SAPA PICKUPS. IN EVERY CASE, THE ZIANA VERSION WAS MORE COMPLETE THAN WHAT WAS FILED FROM THE OTHER SOURCES.

3. THREE SHORT FRENCH CASTS (0830-0930, 1100-1115, AND 1300-1315 GMT) WERE INTERSPERSED WITH THE ENGLISH. THE MAIN FRENCH CAST WAS 1400-1630 GMT. IN ALL, THERE WERE 17 ITEMS IN THE FRENCH CASTS, 14 OF WHICH WERE PANA ITEMS NOT CONCERNING ZIMBABWE. TWO OF THE 3 ZIANA ITEMS WERE NOT ON: THE ENGLISH CAST, BUT WERE TOO LOW LEVEL FOR SELECTION. THE OTHER WAS COVERED BY THE ENGLISH. 27 ANDERSON/SM 27/0807Z JUN

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